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Suspect apprehended for Hanamā'ulu hit-and-run

HANAMĀ'ULU – A male suspect was taken into police custody on Saturday, Jan. 20, in connection with the apparent hit-and-run crash that occurred on Jan. 11, in Hanamā'ulu.

Virgil Caday, age 59 of Hanamā'ulu, was arrested on suspicion of first degree Negligent Injury, Accidents Involving Serious Bodily Injury, Inattention to Driving, Tampering with Physical Evidence, and Tampering with a Witness.

He has since been released pending further investigation.

The crash occurred at approximately 7 a.m. on Jan. 11, when police received a report of a 12-year-old girl injured along Laukona Street, just south of the Ho'ohana Street junction, in Hanamā'ulu.

A preliminary investigation revealed that the child appeared to have been walking along Laukona Street when she was struck by a vehicle. The involved vehicle was not at the scene when police arrived.

The victim remains in critical condition at Queen's Hospital.

The investigation remains ongoing.

"I'd like to thank the community for their patience and assistance during the length of this investigation," said Kaua'i Police Chief Darryl Perry. "Our officers worked diligently in order to secure an arrest for this tragic incident. Our thoughts remain with the victim and her family during this difficult time."

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